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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, cooler near coast.
Washington and Idaho—Fair.

WHAT WE MEAN.

It has been put up to this office, pretty peremptorily, in the course of the past 72 hours, to declare just what it means by its strictures on the Common Council and City Officers in relation to the street improvements and the Charter Committee's report on the sea-wall, etc., etc. We had thought to write so plainly while we were at it, that particularization would be the last demand made upon us; but since it is at hand, we are only too glad to comply and qualify our position so there need be no more misapprehension.

Generally speaking, and in a civic sense only, we claim, and aver, that the present group of councilmen and officers have been careless in the handling of the details of certain of the larger schemes of street improvement and that the city is the worse for that carelessness; is face to face with entanglements that may cost, in the end, as much or more, than the original improvement, for since the public has been brought to realize the inequities and blunders attaching to these, many other lesser mistakes (but amply appropriate for the purposes of disagreeable demonstration) are being heralded from various parts of the city, upon which moody silence was maintained until the subject was opened up in general fashion.

Generally speaking, and in a civic sense only, we claim that the Charter Committee was improperly organized when it was appointed directly from the majority of the Common Council to which its reports were to be submitted for approval in the end; that it indicated a pre-disposal to, and pre-arrangement for, the enterprise, that placed it beyond the touch and trend of the popular desire and design; that the measure it has evolved is unacceptable because it lacks the authentic predicate of actual, definite surveys, soundings, plans, specifications, and estimates of cost, absolutely essential to so great an undertaking; that it is being rushed through regardless of the best interests of those who shall pay for it, that it expressly withholds the specific relief that may be needed and sought at the hands of the law and courts, save for such entry and appeal as the Commission itself may want and demand to justify its own procedure; that the final sums named in the bill as the total cost of the work, \$800,000, is merely conjectural and visionary and not based upon figures attained after exact and rational inquiry, and that the project as it is outlined, is liable to cost twice that sum before its last impulse for debt and damage is laid; that it does not give time enough for public deliberation, approval and acquiescence, and is being so handled in this regard as to amount to tacit challenge to all opposition, public and private; that all customary precedent has been waived and all preliminary requisites abandoned, until the people shall have committed themselves to the huge debt and devise and are then barred from all legal recourse in the courts of the land, a condition at once hazardous, ambiguous and untenable by any community, even one better able to face and bear such an incongruous burden.

FINALLY: THE MORNING ASTORIAN, AS THE OLDEST, AND LEADING, NEWSPAPER OF THIS CITY AND SECTION, IS PRIMARILY, HONESTLY, AND WHOLLY IN FAVOR OF A SEAWALL, BELIEVING IT TO BE ESSENTIAL, VITAL, AND THE CARDINAL CIVIC IMPROVEMENT OF CITY AND PORT: BUT WE INSIST THAT IT MUST BE WORKED OUT WITH DELIBERATION AND TECHNICAL SCRUTINY, AND THE ACCOMPANYING ACTUALITIES OF KNOWN LINEAGE, DIMENSION, PLAN, SPECIFICATION AND COST BEFORE IT IS

ADOPTED AND BROACHED AS AN ORGANIC POLICY OF THE COMMUNITY: THAT HAVING DONE WITHOUT IT FOR 100 YEARS ONE YEAR, OR TWO, MORE WILL NOT MITIGATE AGAINST ITS FINAL ADOPTION AND COMPLETION: THAT IT DOES NOT APPROVE THE MEASURE NOT PENDING, AS FORMULATED BY THE CHARTER COMMITTEE ON THESE GROUNDS: THAT IT IS NOT BIASED IN ITS OPPOSITION POLITICALLY AT ANY POINT, NOR WITH REGARD TO ANY PERSON: THAT ITS COLUMNS (IN LIEU OF ANY ESPECIAL NEWSPAPER ORGAN AT THE SERVICE OF THE COUNCIL AND CHARTER COMMITTEE) ARE WIDE OPEN FOR THE BROADEST DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT AT ALL TIMES: THAT IT IS DEALING WITH THE MATTER PURELY AS A CIVIC QUESTION, IN A BUSINESS WAY, REGARDLESS OF EVERY PRIVATE INTEREST, ACTUAL, ALLEGED OR PROSPECTIVE. THAT, PERSONALLY, THE ASTORIAN HAS ONLY THE BEST OF FEELING FOR THE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AND BUT URGES THIS MATTER, IN THIS VERY WAY, AS EVIDENCE OF THAT GOOD WILL.

PUBLIC FIRST, ALWAYS!

The Morning Astorian is disposed to further explain its objection to the manner and form of the appointment of the present Charter Committee, by direct allusion to the plan adopted by the City of Portland in the handling of this item of its public service, and to offer it as a lesson in civic expression much more in accord with the accepted theory of what constitutes the public interest in matters of the sort. That city has a Charter Committee of leading and responsible citizens named by a special committee of the Council for that purpose, consisting of three Councilmen charged to select five men each, the Mayor having been made ex-officio chairman of the choosing committee; hence, the public was taken into consideration first, and conspicuously; while in the home instance, the mere fact that the local charter, surreptitiously, conveniently, or otherwise, provided for the selection of a charter committee from the ranks of the council, and that the majority of the Council was so chosen, does not in the least remove the unpopular idea that there was more or less of an "intent" in the case. It was too coarse to pass muster, and will have a negative influence upon every phase of the work done by these Councilmen in this relation. "All people cannot be fooled all the time." The odor of chicane is in their nostrils and will remain there until they have supervened in the direction and final ordaining of this high premise.

The Japanese international exposition has been postponed five years, and at last a world's fair opening on time may be counted on if nothing happens.

Mr. Bryan estimates that his vote this year will be 8,000,000. How many had he allotted to Vermont?

The danger to President Diaz when he reaches the age of 80 in 1910 will not be chloroform, but a general demand that he accept a sixth term.

The Cubans are said to be fond of baseball. It may be assumed, therefore, that they know what follows two strikes in provisional government.

COFFEE

Good is so good and poor is so poor; have Schilling's Best tomorrow.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like it; we pay him

Mr. Bryan's weight has recently increased to 227 pounds. Why worry? The year 1912 is quite a distance ahead and the Chautauqua demand lively.

"Stick to the farm" is the president's advice, and it ought to be easy to follow with an \$8,000,000,000 melon to cut as the result of this year's crops.

A Democratic paper remarks that the two national platforms differ but little. It is only necessary to point to the protection and free trade planks to show that they are as far apart as the poles.

NEW TO-DAY

All Things Modern.

"The Modern," the beautiful tonorial establishment of Arthur E. Petersen, at 572 Commercial street in this city, is unquestionably the real resort for the most perfect treatment in this behalf, and the most critical finds nothing to criticize there, however often he visits the place.

Swedish Fancy Work.

All kinds of ladies' fancy work and embroideries for sale or made to order. Central Drug Store. 9-4-6t

The Palace Restaurant.

Any phase of hunger can be daintily gratified at any hour of the day or night at the Palace Restaurant. The kitchen and dining room service are of the positive best. Private dining rooms for ladies. One call inspires regular custom. Try it. Commercial street, opposite Page building.

The Commercial.

One of the coziest and most popular resorts in the city is the Commercial. A new billiard room, a pleasant sitting room and handsome fixtures all go to make an agreeable meeting place for gentlemen, there to discuss the topics of the day, play a game of billiards and enjoy the fine refreshments served there. The best of goods are only handled, and this fact being so well known, a large business is done at the Commercial, on Commercial street, near Eleventh.

New Grocery Store.

Try our own mixture of coffee—the J. P. B. Fresh fruit and vegetables. Badollet & Co., grocers. Phone Main 1281.

The Clean Man.

The man who delights in personal cleanliness, and enjoys his shave, shampoo, haircut, and bath, in Astoria, always goes to the Occident barber shop for these things—and gets them at their best.

GOOD WOOD.

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"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel 50 per cent better than I have for weeks," says J. J. Firestone, of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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For Sale.

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A sprained ankle may be cured in about one-third the time usually required, by applying Chamberlain's Palm Balm freely, and giving it absolute rest. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

A Traveling Man's Experience.

"I must tell you my experience on an east bound O. R. & N. R. train from Pendleton to Le Grande, Ore.," writes Sam A. Garber, a well known traveling man. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick unto death in the car.' I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp colic, her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a death-like look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suitcase and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy (I never travel without it), ran to the water-tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some

water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to get the ladies to let me give it to her, but I succeeded. I could at once see the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in 20 minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were almost into Le Grande, where I was to leave the train. I gave the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right, and I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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